

**REMARKS**

***The Present Invention***

The present invention pertains to a process for the preparation of an intermediate useful for preparing kifunensine. The invention also relates to a process for preparing kifunensine.

***The Pending Claims***

Claims 1, 8-9, 11-17, and 19-23 are currently pending. Claims 1, 8-9, and 19-21 are directed to a process for preparing a compound of formula I. Claims 11-17 and 22-23 are directed to a process for preparing kifunensine.

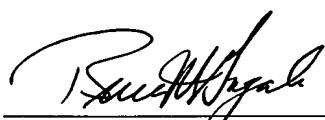
***Amendments to the Claims***

Claim 11 has been amended to remove the phrase "the steps of". This amendment is supported by the specification at, for example, Schemes 6 and 7, which depict the deprotection of a compound of formula I prior to conducting the oxamoylation reaction. No new matter has been added by way of this amendment.

***Conclusion***

The application is considered in good and proper form for allowance, and the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue. If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of the subject application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,



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